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urther to direct them that when they shall be nere the Coast of England, if they shall not have mett with some of Our ships of Warr in the soundings, by which they shall have understand ye Estate of Affairs with ye Dutch and bee from thence Encouraged to proceed to their respective ports that they Endeavour to touch at the first porte of England, their to receive furth'r informacon for their guidance, Which Wee recommend to your P'ticular Care to bee observed, Not Doubting of your Dilligence & cercumspcction in all ye other parts of Our service within Your trust for ye dissapoynting any designes Our Enimyes may have upon our good subjects, Our Countryes, and Territories in those parts As also for ye improveing all occasions of Adventage that may bee taken against any of Our Enimies, their Countryes, or subjects in this Counjuncture [?] of Affaires, And soe Wee bid You farewell. Given at our Court at Whitehall ye 15th Day of November in ye 18th yeare of Our Raigne 1666.

By his Ma'ties Comands.

ARLINGTON

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REVOLUTIONARY ARMY ORDERS

For the Main Army under Washington. 1778-1779.

(From Originals in the Collection in the Virginia Historical Society.)

(CONTINUED.)

Head Quarters, April 4, 1778.

Brigadier Gen'l tomorrow Varnom.

F. O. L't Col'o Vost & Maj'r Summers Brig'e Major Teneyesk ——— Inspector from Gen'l Poors Brig'e.

The Brigade Commissaries are to make and exact Return of the horns[1] delivered the Q. M. General agreeable to the Orders

[1] Powder horns.

of the 8 January last. The Brigadier General of the Day is to visit the Prisoners in the Provost during his tour of duty and inquire into the manner of their treatment, which he is to report with the number and kind of them, and length of time Confined when he gives in the General Report of the Guards occurencies. This is to be considered as a standing Order and to be punctually executed.

	S	C	P
For Guard . . .	1.	1.	3
Gen'l Muhlenburgs . .		1.	7

B. O. a G. C. M. to set tomorrow at 10 O'Clock for the Tryal of all the Prisoners in the Brigade. Maj'r Campbell is appointed Presidant.

Captains 2. Sub. 1.

Head Quarters, April 5, 1778.

Brigadier Gen'l tomorrow Poor. F. O. L't Col'o Mead[2] & Maj. Ballden. Brigade Maj'r Marvin. The Inspector from Glovers Brigade. For detachment Col'o Levenston & Major Conway. The Brigade Inspectors, the Brigade Majors and all the Adjutants of the Army are to attend at the Grand Parade at Guard Mounting, if the wether should prove bad thay will attend the first fair day. No Furloughs to be granted to anv Non Commissioned Officer or Private until further orders. Those Regiments that are in want of Shoes are desired to applie to the Cloathers Store, a few doz. woorsted Stockings & some Shoes fit for Officers may be had at the Cloathers Store.

	S	C	P
Detail for Guard . .	1.	0.	3
Fatigue . . .			1
To go to Lancaster . .		1.	1
Gen'l Muhlenburgs . .		1.	7
Weeks Command . .	1.	0.	4
	2.	2.	16

[2] L't Col. Richard Kidder Meade, of Virginia, aid-de-camp to Washington.

April 6, 1778.

	S	S	C	P
Detail for Guard . .		1.	0.	3.
Weeks Command .			1.	1.
Barron Staben . .				1.
Fatigue . . .				
Gen'l Muhlenburgs .		1.	1.	7.

Brigadier tomorrow Muhlenburg.

F. O. Col'o Weston[3] &L't Col'o Haskell, Brigade Major Minnis.

The Inspector from Gen'l Lenards Brigade. L't Col'o Green[4] is appointed to the Command of the 10th, L't Col'o Davis[5] to the Command of the 14 Virginia Regiment till further Orders & are to be Respected accordingly. At a G. C. Martial whereof Col'o Vost was President March 31, 78. L't Dunn of Col'o Pattons Regiment Gen'l Scotts Brigade Tryed for stryking and unGentlemanly behaviour to L't Srut and acquited. The Commander in Chief Confirms the Sentance and Orders Lieutenant Dunn to be discharged from his Arrest at the same time observing that a frequent proceedings of Court Martials presented to him which seems to Origanate more from Personal prejudice and private animosity than a Real intention to promote the good of the Service gives him very sensible pain, he wishes the Officers of his Army to Consider them selves as a band of Brothers Commanded by the Justness of the common Cause, that a perfect memory [?] might subsist amongst them, and that they would settle all Personall disputes amongst themselves in an amicable manner, ever being cautions not to trouble Court Martials or the General with private dessentions or add paper to the Publick files which may hereafter record disgrace upon themselves & the Army.

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[3] No Colonel Weston appears in Heitman.

[4] L't Col. John Green, of Virginia. Heitman states that he was Commissioned Colonel of the First Virginia, January 26, 1778. If so the Commission appears to have borne date previous to the actual assumption of rank. He was transferred to the Sixth Virginia and served to the Close of the war.

[5] William Davies, of Virginia, son of the celebrated Samuel Davies. He became Colonel, with Commission to date from March 20, 1778. Like Colonel Green he served with distinction and later rendered most valuable service as member of the Virginia Board of War.

B. O. the Brigadier approves the following Sentances of a Brigade Court Martial whereof Maj'r Campbell[6] was President held the 3'd Instant. Thomas Ward of the 9 Virginia Regiment Charged with theft and intending to desert, acquited. Serjeant Cudlebaugh of the German Reg't Charged with deserting from the Hospittle at Philadelphia, the Court are of opinion the prisoner is guilty of the crime but it appearing that his Crime proceeded from a mistaken notion of his being released from the Service, by his hearing him a prisoner with the enimy and that he allways proved a good Soldier, the Court recommends him to the General for pardon & Orders that he again joins his Company upon his releasement from Confinement. Serjeant Mutz Charged with theft, acquited. Matthias Leaf of the German Regiment tryed for Desertion, the Court are of opinion the Prisoner is guilty of the Charge and orders that he Receive 50 lashes on his bare back and return to his Company. The Brigadier approves the Sentance & in consideration of the perticular Circumstances of the Prisoner he remits the punishment.

R. O. April 7, 1778.

Ordered that a Regimental Court Martial set at 12 O'Clock for the Tryal of all the Prisoners in the Guard House, Capt. Crump[7] President, Members L't Holt,[8] L't Rucker,[9] L't Woodson[10] & L't Piper.[11]

Head Quaters, April 7, 1778.

Brigadier Gen'l tomorrow Patterson.

F. O. Col'o Craige & L't Col'o McBane, Brig'e Major Clay-

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[6] Richard Campell, Major Thirteenth Virginia; promoted Lieutenant Colonel, February 20, 1778; transferred to Fourth Virginia, 1781; wounded at Camden, and killed at the battle of Eutaw Springs.

[7] Captain Abner Crump, Virginia, who served to the close of the war.

[8] James and Joseph Holt were lieutenants in the Virginia line at this time.

[9] Angus and Elliot Rucker were lieutenants in the Virginia line at this time.

[10] Six Virginia officers named Woodson are given in Heitman.

[11] John Piper, first lieutenant in First Virginia State regiment, 1776-1781.

bourne—a Gen'l Court Martial of the line whereof Brig. Gen'l Poor is appointed Presidant to set tomorrow at 9 O'Clock at the Presidants Quarters to try such Prisoners as shall be brought before them. Col'o Steward, L't Col'o Burr, Major Peters and a Capt. from the Corps of Artillery, Woodfords, Scotts 1st Pensy'l 2nd Pennsylvania, Glovers, Pattersons, Muhlenburgs, Maxwells, Huntingtons, Varnons, & McIntoshes Brigades to attend as members.

Capt. William Lewis[12] is appointed Brigade Inspector in Gen'l Muhlenburgs Brigade, & Capt. Croghan[13] in Gen'l Scotts, they are to be respected accordingly.

The B. Q. M. will immediately bring in the empty ammunition Boxes to the Park of Artillery & deliver them to the Comm. of Military Stores, an exact Return of arms & accoutrements to be made immediately according to the form which shall be delivered to the Brigade Majors.

The Commanding Officers of Regiments & Corps are desired to be very perticular in their next weekly Returns, to account for all their Officers & Men who are absent, Sick, on furlough, on Command & the places where, that proper measures may be taken to Collect them, & to Join their respective Corps, the Gen'l strictly enjoyns them to be exceedingly exact to mention those Officers in every department who detain any of their Soldiers as waiters, or for any other purpose & every other particular Circumstances relative to their absence, as his fixed determination is, that he will know the true State of his Army.

B. O. The Officers that are warned for Guard will have their Names, Rank, Regiment & Brigade in writing to deliver to the Brigade Major of the Day on the Grand Parade.

	S	S	C	P
For Guard . .	1.	1.	1. &	3
Fatigue . .				3
Muhlenburgs . .			1.	7

[12] William Lewis, Captain Second Virginia, Major Tenth Virginia, May 12, 1779; captured at Charleston, exchanged and served to the end of the war

[13] William Croghan, Captain Eighth Virginia, Major May 16, 1778; captured at Charleston and on parole to close of war.

Head Quarters, April 8, 1778.

Brigadier tomorrow Maxwell, F. O. Col'o Bruer & Maj'r Winslow. Brigade Major Ogden.

The Inspector from Gen'l Weedens Brigade.

A Renewal of the Orders to the Cleanlyness & propper appearance of Soldiers who are to mount Guard, however great a reproach to the Officers whose province it is to attend to those points is become necessary. The Adjutants, in whom the delinquency Originates as it is their duty in the first Instance, to inspect the Arms, Ammunition, accoutrements & dress of the Men before they Quit their Regimental Parades, are particularly Called upon. The Brigade Majors are Required minutely to examen the detachments assembled on the Parade of the Brigade in all the above mentioned respects, and the Adjutants are to remain their till the Men are marched off in Order to answer for any deficiancy. When the Guards are assembled on the Grand Parade the Brigade Major & Field Officers of the day are Carefully to repeat the same examination of the Arms &c and to order the Adjutant under an arrest when any ill appearance or deficiancy may Justly be attributed to his negligance. Want of uniformity in the Soldiers Cloathing & its indiferent Quality so far from excuseing slovenlyness & unSoldiery neglect in other respects ought rather to exite each Man to Compensate those blemishes by redoubled attention to the means which he has in his Power. For instance the Soldier may allways shave his beard, appear with Clean hands & face, and in general have an air of neatness which will be Conspicuous under all disadvantages. A Court of Inquiry where of L't Col'o Hubly is appointed Presidant, to set tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock at the Presidants Quarters to examen into a Complaint exhibited by an Inhabitant of this State against Captain Chaimbers[14] of the 12 Pensy'a Regim't, Maj'r Ledyard and a Captain from Glovers Conways & Huntingtons Brigade to attend as members.

	S	C	P
Detail for Guard . .	1		3
Gen'l Muhlenburgs . .		1	7
	1	1	10

[14] Captain Stephen Chambers, who retired July 1, 1778.

B. O. Ap'l 9, 1778.

As the Recruits from Virginia are now daly expected in Camp and many of them have not had the small Pox it is absolutely necessary to erect a Brigade Hospittle for their reception where thay may remain during their Inoculation. A fatigue Party of 20 Men under the Care of a proper Officer work on it every day untill it is finished.

Cap't Hayser[15] of the German Regiment is Requested to

	S	S	C	P
Detail For Guard .		1		4
Fatigue . .	1			4
Command . .				1
Gen'l Muhlenburgs .			1	8
	1	1	1	17

G. O. Ap'l 9, 1778.

Brigadier tomorrow Waine.

F. O. Col'o Butler & L't Col'o Farmer.

Brig'e Major Comack.

The Inspector from Gen'l Muhlenburgs Brigade.

In addition to the Orders of Yesterday for the purpose of effecting decency & cleanlyness in the dress of the Men. The Commander in Chief informs the Serjeants & Corporals of the Line, and desires that it may be deeply impressed upon them, that unless thay exert themselves to the utmost to bring about this desirable change as far as the Circumstances of Cloathing will admitt, & at the same time by a Conduct & example which ought to distinguish them from Privates, endever to preserve Order, Regularity & obediance, every delinquent amongst them, without exception shall be reduced to the Ranks, & others appointed till good ones can be had, to discharge their respective duties properly, nothing does nor nothing can Contribute more to the health of Soidiers than a Clean Camp, clean Cloathing & Victuals well dressed, (these however deeply involved in Rags A Army may be), these are to be effected by attention in the Offi-

[15] Captain William Heyser, of Pennsylvania, who resigned May 21, 1778.

superinted the Work. Fatigue 6.

cers. The Gen'l therefore calls on every Officer from the Maj'r Gen'l to the Corporal inclusively, for their exertions, hopeing thereby with the blessing of God to prevent such number of Deaths, which unfortunately have happened since thay come to this Ground, and see a stricter attention to Orders then heretofore have bin paid. The Court of Inquiry whereof L't Col'o Hubly is Presidant will set tomorrow at his Quarters to examin into the Circumstances of Capt. McGowins mortally wounding a soldier of the 4 Pensylvania Regiment.

R. O. April 10, 1778.

A Court Martial to set to day at 12 O'Clock For the Tryal of John Adams Confined for theft, to Consist of the following Members:

Captain Crump, President.
Lt. Saunders[16], Lt. Best[17].
Ensign Coleman, Ensign Hoomes[18].

G. O. Ap'l 10, 1778.

Brigadier tomorrow Varnom.

F. O. Col'o Scely & L't Colo'l Symons. Brig'e Major Bryan.

The Inspector from Maxwells Brigade.

Whereas many inconveniancies may arrise in Settleing the Recruiting Accounts of the Army for want of the Officers being acquainted with the mode of strait'g the said accounts the Commanding Officer of each Regiment and Corps is therefore requested to applie to the Auditors of the Army who will furnish them with blank forms by which that Bussiness will be much facilitated and render the adjustment of their Accounts both simple & easy. In order that no dificulty may arrise from a multiplicity of Accounts the Auditors Requests that the Officer Commanding Regiments & Corps will Cause the Respective

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[16] Joseph and Robert Hyde Saunders were lieutenants in Virginia regiments at this time.

[17] John Best, first lieutenant in First Virginia State regiment, superseded June 1, 1779.

[18] Thomas C. Hoomes, afterwards lieutenant Second Virginia State regiment, who died August 13, 1779.

Officers of their Regiments who have been imployed in the Recruiting Service to produce to them their Recruiting Accounts which should be Collected in form of an Abstract that the whole may appear at one view & thereby inable the Auditors Immediately to acquit the said Commanding Officers of Regiments & Corps from the several Sums with which thay respectively stand Charged with. The increasing warmth of the Season requires that the greatest Care should be taken to keep the Streets of the Men Clean their Beding aired every day and the Streets & allies of the Camp free from all kind of filth, the Commander in Chief therefore earnestly requests both the Brigade & Regimental Officer of the day to see these duties regularly & punctualy performed. All bones perotred Meat, durty Straw & every other kind of filth to be every day Collected & burned. The Detachment from Foremans Regim't now in Camp to be got in readyness immediately to Join their Regiment in the Jerseys, as marching men by Files has an unmilitary appearance and attend only to make them march in an unSoldierlike manner, all Parties Commanded by Commissioned Officers are to march by divisions and every Officer Commanding a Guard or detachment will be very attentive to see that his men march properly and when Releaved to march his Guard so back to the Brigade to which thay belong, if from several Brigades he will march them to the grand parade before he dismisses them. At a G. C. M. whereof Brig'r Gen'l Poor was President Ap'l 8, 1778, Col'o John Craine[19] tryed for a vexatious and groundless arrest of Maj'r Forest and for speaking disrespectfull of Court Martials to the prejudice of good order of the Service of the United States, acquited of a vexatious and groundless arrest against Maj'r Forest, but found Guilty of speaking disrespectfull of Court Martials to the prejudice of good Order of the Service of the United States, being a breach of Article the 5 Section the 18 of the Articles of war and Sentanced to be reprimanded in Brig'e Orders. The Commander in Chief approves the Sentance &'Orders it to take place tomorrow.

	S	C	P
For Guard . . .	1	0	4
Gen'l Muhlenburg . .	1		8

(TO BE CONTINUED)

[19] John Crane, of Massachusetts, Colonel Third Continental Artillery afterwards brevet Brigadier General.